AGENDA

GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS AND POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS
INTERIM COMMITTEE
UTAH LEGISLATURE

Wednesday, October 21, 2009 • 9:00 a.m. • Room 30 House Building

Approximate
Time Frame

9:00 **1. Committee Business**
- Call to order
- Approval of the minutes of the September 16, 2009 meeting

9:05 **2. 2010 Federal Census Preparations, the State's Role - Update**

The U.S. Constitution (Art. I, Sec. 2) requires a count of everyone residing in the United States. This data is used to determine congressional representation and a variety of state and local funding formulas. A full and accurate count is the goal. What is the state's role in the 2010 Census? What is the state doing to encourage and increase participation in the census count?

- Michael Mower, State Planning Coordinator, Governor's Office of Planning and Budget (GOPB)
- Juliette Tennert, State Demographer & Economist, GOPB

9:15 **3. Local Development Impact Fees**

Impact fees are imposed on each residential unit, business, or other development based on the expected cost of public facilities to service that unit of development. Impact fees are general and usually apply community-wide. Title 11, Chapter 36, Impact Fees Act, establishes requirements and conditions under which a local government may impose an impact fee. Staff will brief the Committee on the requirements and conditions of the existing Impact Fees Act. Are changes needed to impact fee provisions? Should impact fees be prohibited?

- Senator D. Chris Buttars

9:35 **4. Use of a Single Bid for Design/Build Contracts - Report**

Under the Procurement Code, if a transportation agency fails to receive at least two qualified, eligible competing proposals on a design/build contract, the transportation agency is required to readvertise the project. However until July 1, 2010, if only a single proposal is received, a transportation agency may award a transportation project that has an estimated cost of $5,000,000 or less. The proposer must be qualified and eligible and the transportation agency must determine that the proposal is advantageous to the state and that the proposal price is reasonable. The Government Operations Interim Committee is required to review this exception under Utah Code Subsection 63G-6-502(5)(b).

- John R. Njord, Executive Director, Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT)
- Linda Toy Hull, Director, Legislative and Government Affairs, UDOT

9:45 **5. Eminent Domain Appraisal Process**
When property must be acquired for public purposes, including highways, public buildings, and utilities, how is a fair market price determined? What process is in place to determine a fair price? What recourse do property owners have if they feel like they are being treated unfairly? How should the Legislature respond to this issue?

- John R. Njord, Executive Director, UDOT
- Linda Toy Hull, Director, Legislative and Government Affairs, UDOT
- Brent N. Bateman, Lead Attorney, Office of the Property Rights Ombudsman, Department of Commerce
- Niel Christensen, private property owner

10:40 **6. Four-day Work Week Program for Executive Branch Employees - Report**
With over 14 month's experience, the "Working 4 Utah" initiative, which required most state agency employees to shift to a four-day, ten-hour work schedule, is being evaluated. Conserving energy and enhancing customer service were two purposes given for the initiative. After hearing an update during the June meeting, the chairs directed that a report of the program with cost savings numbers be presented in this meeting. What savings have been realized? How are the new hours affecting employee productivity and customer and employee satisfaction?

- Jeff Herring, Executive Director, Department of Human Resource Management
- Michael Hansen, Manager of Planning, GOPB

11:00 **7. Amended Campaign Finance Reports**
The appropriate level of campaign finance reporting for transparency to the public is the subject of considerable debate. What level of detail and what explanations should be provided for amended campaign finance reports?

11:20 **8. Other Items / Adjourn**